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USDA APPOINTS FARM SERVICE AGENCY STATE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR MISSISSIPPI

Jackson, MS, Aug. 13, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the appointment of Yvonne Rayford Brown to the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) state committee in Mississippi.

FSA state committees are responsible for the general direction and supervision of state FSA programs. Committees keep farmers informed of agency program activities while resolving appeals and complaints. Members also maintain cooperative relationships with the agribusiness community.

Brown, of Holmes County, Miss., serves as mayor of Tchula, Miss., and is a longtime resident of rural Mississippi. She and her family have been involved in forestry, and currently they produce timber on their land. She is actively involved in state and community organizations, such as the Women's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Southern Baptist. This partnership brings volunteers from across the state to the rural community to help local citizens improve their lives. Brown's leadership and outreach have been noted on numerous national television broadcasts and in print media. She attended the University of Toledo and will graduate this year from Jackson State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

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